

**What is claimed is:**

[1]           A connecting terminal including a connecting portion formed in a rectangular tube having a top plate to which a locking lancer provided in a housing is to be engaged, characterized in that a stabilizer portion for stabilizing a posture of the connecting terminal within the housing is provided on a bottom plate of said connecting portion to extend in a longitudinal direction.

[2]           The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting terminal is formed by punching, bending and folding a single metal plate.

[3]           The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said stabilizer is formed on the bottom plate eccentrically.

[4]           The connecting terminal according to claim 1 or 2 or 3, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting terminal is formed in a shape of a rectangular tube surrounded by the bottom plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate, a top plate connected to the first side plate, a second side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.

[5]           The connecting terminal according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape and a free end of the stabilizer portion is brought into contact with the bottom plate.

[6]           The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting portion includes resilient contact strips formed within the connecting portion, and each of said movable contact strips is formed by a part of the connecting portion from a rear side toward a front side.